

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A knitted fabric, comprising fibers, at least part of these fibers being metal fibers, said fabric having 90 or more stitches per square centimeter and having an air permeability higher than 2400 l/10cm² * h.
2. (Previously presented) A knitted fabric according to claim 1, said fabric having 100 or more stitches per square centimeter.
3. (Cancelled).
4. (Previously presented) A knitted fabric according to claim 1, having a weight between 600 g/m² and 2000 g/m².
5. (Previously presented) A knitted fabric according to claim 1, having a thickness more than 0.8 mm.
6. (Previously presented) A knitted fabric of claim 1, wherein all of said fibers are metal fibers.
7. (Previously presented) A knitted fabric of claim 1, wherein all of said fibers are stainless steel fibers.
8. (Original) A knitted fabric of claim 7, in which the stainless steel contains at least 16% Cr and 10% Ni.
9. (Previously presented) A knitted fabric of claim 1, having the single jersey 1/2 structure.

10. (Previously Presented) A knitted fabric of claim 1, having the single jersey 1/3 structure.
11. (Previously presented) A knitted fabric of claim 1, having the single jersey 1/4 structure.
12. (Previously presented) A method of making a knitted fabric comprising utilizing a knitting machine with gauge equal to or more than 20 to produce a knitted fabric according to claim 1.
13. (Previously presented) A method of making a knitted fabric comprising utilizing a knitting machine with gauge equal to or more than 22 to produce a knitted fabric according to claim 1.
14. (Previously presented) A knitted fabric of claim 1, comprising yarns with metrical number equal to or larger than 5.5.
15. (Previously presented) A knitted fabric of claim 1, comprising yarns with metrical number equal to or larger than 7.5.
16. (Previously presented) A knitted fabric of claim 1, comprising yarns with metrical number equal to or larger than 10.
17. (Previously presented) A method of forming glass plate, comprising covering a mould, a tempering or a press-on ring with a fabric according to claim 1 and forming a glass plate.
18. (Currently amended) A method for reducing the risk for marking on a glass plate during bending of the glass plate, said method comprising the

steps: (a) providing fibers, at least part of these fibers being metal fibers, (b) knitting said fibers into a fabric, such that said fabric has 90 or more stitches per square centimeter and has an air permeability higher than 2400 l/10cm² * h.

19. (Previously presented) A method of forming glass plates, comprising providing a ~~means of transport~~ transportation device adapted to move a glass plate during the forming process, covering the ~~means of transport~~ transportation device with a fabric according to claim 1, and forming a plate.

20. (Currently amended)) A knitted fabric according to claim ~~3~~ 1, having an air permeability higher than 4500 l/10cm²*h.

21. (Previously presented) A knitted fabric according to claim 20, having a weight between 600 g/m² and 2000 g/m².

22. (Currently amended) A glass mould assembly, comprising:

a glass mold having a ~~curved~~ surface; and

a knitted fabric covering at least a portion of the ~~curved~~ surface, wherein the knitted fabric comprises fibers, at least part of these fibers being metal fibers, the fabric having 90 or more stitches per square centimeter, and having an air permeability higher than 2400 l/10cm²*h.

23. (Previously presented) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the fabric has an air permeability higher than 4500 l/10cm²*h.

24. (Previously presented) A glass mould assembly according to claim 23, wherein the fabric has a weight between 600 g/m² and 2000 g/m².

25. (Previously presented) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the fabric has more than 110 stitches per square centimeter.

26. (Previously presented) A glass mould assembly according to claim 25, wherein the fabric has an air permeability higher than $4500 \text{ l}/10\text{cm}^2\cdot\text{h}$.
27. (Previously presented) A glass mould assembly according to claim 26, having a weight between $600 \text{ g}/\text{m}^2$ and $2000 \text{ g}/\text{m}^2$.
28. (Previously presented) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the knitted fabric further comprises glass fibers.
29. (Previously presented) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the knitted fabric further comprises ceramic fibers.
30. (Previously presented) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the knitted fabric comprises a plied yarn, wherein the plied yarn comprises a yarn consisting of metal fibers and a yarn comprising one of glass fibers and ceramic fibers.
31. (Previously presented) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the knitted fabric comprises a plied yarn, wherein the plied yarn comprises a first yarn consisting of metal fibers and a second yarn comprising a non-metallic fiber.
32. (Previously presented) A glass mould assembly according to claim 31, wherein the plied yarn comprises a third yarn comprising a fiber different than the fiber of the second yarn.
33. (Previously presented) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the knitted fabric comprises a plied yarn, wherein the plied yarn comprises a first yarn comprising a blend of metallic and non-metallic fibers.
34. (Previously presented) A glass mould assembly according to claim 33, wherein the plied yarn comprises a second yarn comprising a blend of metallic and non-metallic fibers.

35. (Previously presented) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the knitted fabric has two surfaces, and wherein the two surfaces have a different fiber content.
36. (New) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, said fabric having 100 or more stitches per square centimeter.
37. (New) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the fabric has a thickness more than 0.8 mm.
38. (New) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein all of said fibers are metal fibers.
39. (New) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein all of said fibers are stainless steel fibers.
40. (New) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the fabric has a single jersey 1/2 structure.
41. (New) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the fabric has a single jersey 1/3 structure.
42. (New) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the fabric has a single jersey 1/4 structure.
43. (New) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the fabric comprises yarns with a metrical number equal to or larger than 5.5.
44. (New) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the fabric comprises yarns with a metrical number equal to or larger than 7.5.

45. (New) A glass mould assembly according to claim 22, wherein the fabric comprises yarns with a metrical number equal to or larger than 10.

46. (New) A method of forming glass plates, comprising:

providing a glass mold having a ~~curved~~ surface; and

covering at least a portion of the ~~curved~~ surface with a knitted fabric according to claim 1;

creating a vacuum behind the knitted fabric and the surface; and

placing a piece of glass in contact with the knitted fabric so that the vacuum draws the piece of glass to the knitted fabric and the surface.

47. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein said fabric has 100 or more stitches per square centimeter.

48. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein said fabric has a weight between 600 g/m² and 2000 g/m².

49. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein said fabric has a thickness of more than 0.8 mm.

50. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein all of said fibers are metal fibers.

51. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein all of said fibers are stainless steel fibers.

52. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein the fabric has a single jersey 1/2 structure.

53. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein the fabric has a single jersey 1/3 structure.

54. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein the fabric has a single jersey 1/4 structure.

55. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein the fabric comprises yarns with a metrical number equal to or larger than 5.5.

56. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein the fabric comprises yarns with a metrical number equal to or larger than 7.5.

57. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein the fabric comprises yarns with a metrical number equal to or larger than 10.

58. (New) The method according to claim 46, further comprising bending the piece of glass around at least a portion of the curved surface

59. (New) The method according to claim 22, wherein the glass mold has a curved surface.